

§ 952.6

The term “person” (1 U.S.C. 1) shall include any name, address, number or other designation under or by use of which the Respondent seeks remittances of money or property through the mail.

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§ 952.6 Interim impounding.

In preparation for or during the pendency of a proceeding initiated under 39 U.S.C. 3005, mail addressed to a respondent may be impounded upon obtaining an appropriate order from a U.S. District Court, as provided in 39 U.S.C. 3007.

§ 952.7 Notice of answer and hearing.

(a) When a complaint is filed against a Respondent whose mailing address is within the United States, the Recorder shall issue a notice of answer and hearing stating the date for filing an answer which shall not exceed 15 days from the service of the complaint, the time and place of the hearing and a reference to the effect of failure to file an answer or appear at the hearing. (See §§ 952.10 and 952.11.) Whenever practicable, the hearing date shall be within 30 days of the date of the notice.

(b) Where a complaint is filed against a Respondent whose mailing address is not within the United States, the Judicial Officer shall review the complaint and any supporting information and determine whether a prima facie showing has been made that Respondent is engaged in conduct warranting issuance of the orders authorized by 39 U.S.C. 3005(a). Where he concludes that a prima facie showing has not been made he shall dismiss the complaint. Where he concludes that a prima facie showing has been made, he shall issue a tentative decision and orders which: set forth findings of fact and conclusions of law; direct Respondent to cease and desist from engaging in conduct warranting the issuance of an order authorized by 39 U.S.C. 3005(a); direct that postal money orders drawn to the order of Respondent not be paid for 45 days from date of the tentative decision; direct that mail addressed to Respondent be forwarded to designated facilities and detained for 45 days from the date of the tentative decision subject to survey by Respondent and re-

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lease of mail unrelated to the matter complained of; and provide that unless Respondent presents, within 45 days of the date of the tentative decision, good cause for dismissing the complaint, or modifying the tentative decision and orders, the tentative decision and orders shall become final. The Judicial Officer may, upon a showing of good cause made within 45 days of the date of the tentative decision, hold a hearing to determine whether the tentative decision and orders should be revoked, modified or allowed to become final. Should a hearing be granted, the Judicial Officer may modify the tentative decision and orders to extend the time during which the payment of postal money orders payable to Respondent is suspended and mail addressed to Respondent is detained.

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§ 952.8 Service.

(a) Where the Respondent's mailing address is within the United States, the Recorder shall cause a notice of answer and hearing and a copy of the complaint to be transmitted to the postmaster at any office of address of the Respondent or to the inspector in charge of any division in which the Respondent is doing business, which shall be delivered to the Respondent or his agent by said postmaster or a supervisory employee of his post office or a postal inspector. A receipt acknowledging delivery of the notice shall be secured from the Respondent or his agent and forwarded to the Recorder, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260, to become a part of the official record.

(b) If, after 5 days, the postmaster or his agent can find no person to accept service of the notice of answer and hearing and complaint pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the notice may be delivered in the usual manner as other mail addressed to the respondent. A statement, showing the time and place of delivery, signed by the postal employee who delivered the notice of answer and hearing and complaint shall be forwarded to the Recorder and such statement shall constitute evidence of service.